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The Blessedness of Giving.

There must be something very good in human nature, or people would not experience so much pleasure in giving; there must be something very bad in human nature, or more people would try the experiment of giving. Those who do try it become enamored of it; and get their chief pleasures in life out of it; and so evident is this that there is some basis for the idea that it is ignorance rather than baseness which keeps so many people from being generous. Of course it may become a sort of dissipation, or more than that, a devastation, as many men who have what are called "good wives" have reason to know, in the gradual disappearance of their wardrobes if they chance to lay aside any of it temporarily. The amount that a good woman can give away is only measured by her opportunity. Her mind becomes so trained in the mystery of this pleasure that she experiences no thrill of delight in giving away only the things her husband does not want. Her office in life is to teach him the joy of self-sacrifice. She and all other habitual and irreclaimable givers soon find out that there is next to no pleasure in a gift unless it involves some self-denial.

Let one consider seriously whether he ever gets as much satisfaction out of a gift received as out of one given. It pleases him for the moment, and if it is useful, for a long time; he turns it over, and admires it; he may value it as a token of affection, and it flatters his self-esteem that he is the object of it. But it is a transient feeling compared with that which he has when he has made a gift. That substantially ministers to his self-esteem. He follows the gift; he dwells upon the delight of the receiver; his imagination plays about it; it will never wear out or become stale; having parted with it, it is for him a lasting possession. It is an investment as lasting as that in the debt of England. Like a good deed, it grows, and is continually satisfactory. It is something to think of when he first wakes in the morning—a time when most people are badly put to it for want of something pleasant to think of. This fact about giving is so incontestably true that it is a wonder that enlightened people do not more freely indulge in giving for their own comfort. It is above all else, amazing that so many imagine that they are going to get any satisfaction out of what they leave by will. They may be in a state where they will enjoy it, if the will is not fought over; but it is shocking how little gratitude there is accorded to a departed giver as compared to a living giver. He couldn't take the property with him if it is said he was obliged to leave it to somebody. By this thought his generosity is always reduced to a minimum. He may build a monument to himself in some institution, but we do not know enough of the world to which he has gone to know whether a tiny monument on this earth is any satisfaction to a person who is free of the universe. Whereas every giving or deed of real humanity done while he was living would have entered into his character, and would be of lasting service to him—that is, in any future which we can conceive.—Charles Dudley Warner, in Harper's for December.

Judge Boise.

Reuben P. Boise is a native of Massachusetts, is now in his 72d year and has been a resident of Oregon about 40 years. In 1852 he was chosen district attorney, and two years later he was elected to the territorial legislature. He was a member of the constitutional convention in 1857 and the same year was made supreme judge of Oregon territory. When Oregon became a state he was elected chief justice and when his term expired in 1864 he was placed on the supreme bench. From 1870 to 1886 he was a practicing attorney and was then again chosen for the supreme bench. For the past ten years he has been judge of this judicial district, and his extensive legal experience has given him a far more than ordinary ability to deal with the seemingly knotty questions that often come up. For many years he was a resident of this county and still has large land interests at Edendale, which was named after his first wife. A third of a century ago he was school superintendent of this county. In latter years he has been a prominent granger and was at one time master of the state grange.—EX.

E. J. Fletcher, a student of the State University, and Mr. Blinhardt, of Sedgwick Post, made every Monday evening at the hall in State Street, Salem, Oregon, a specialty. Visiting comrades are cordially invited to attend. D. C. KRAMER, Post Commander. S. A. HANDEL, Adjutant.

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The band boys will give their first concert on next Wednesday evening and intend to spare no pains in making it an enjoyable affair. Some excellent talent has been secured, and a parade will be given at 4:15 p.m.

The program for the society work is as follows: Misses Bradshaw and Spencer are leaders on the question "Resolved that: Ancient Rome was More Deserving of Praise than Ancient Greece." F. L. Moore and O. N. Nelson lead the Philodorian. Resolved, that "The South was Legally Justifiable in Secession from the Revolt of the Colonies Against Great Britain."

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